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Signers to Joseph Smith call, 1779

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Sketches by Joseph Smith, 1839

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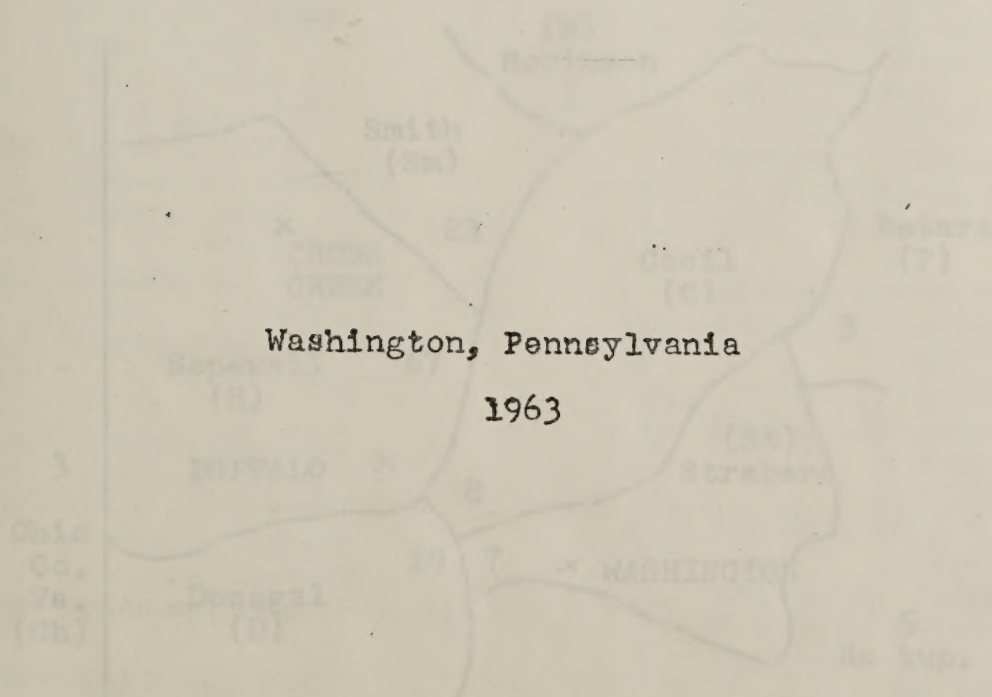
EARLY PRESBYTERIANS IN

JOSEPH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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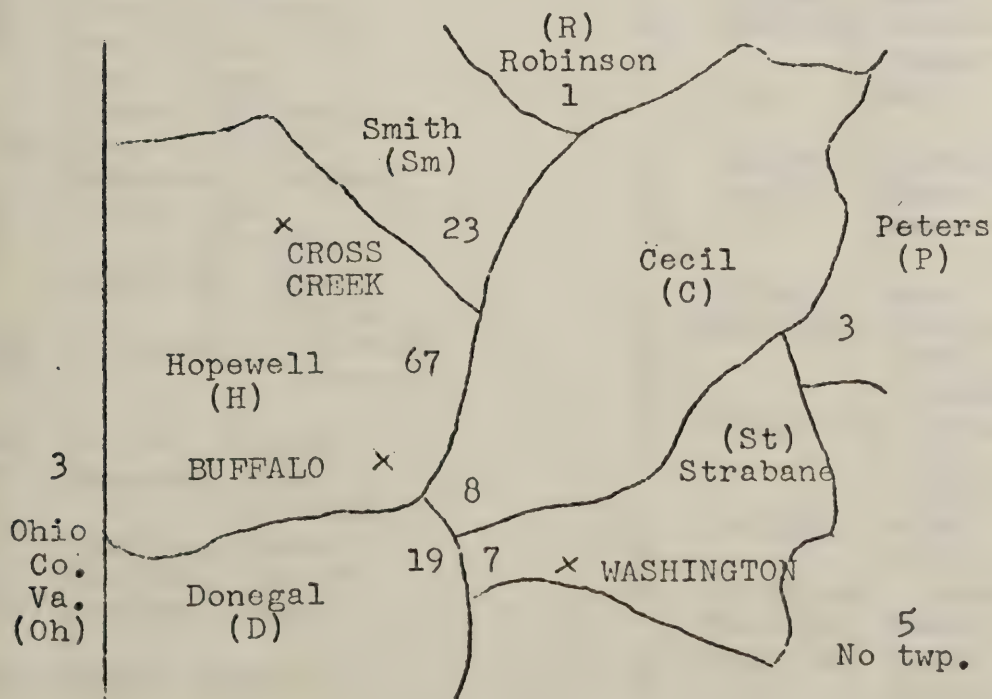


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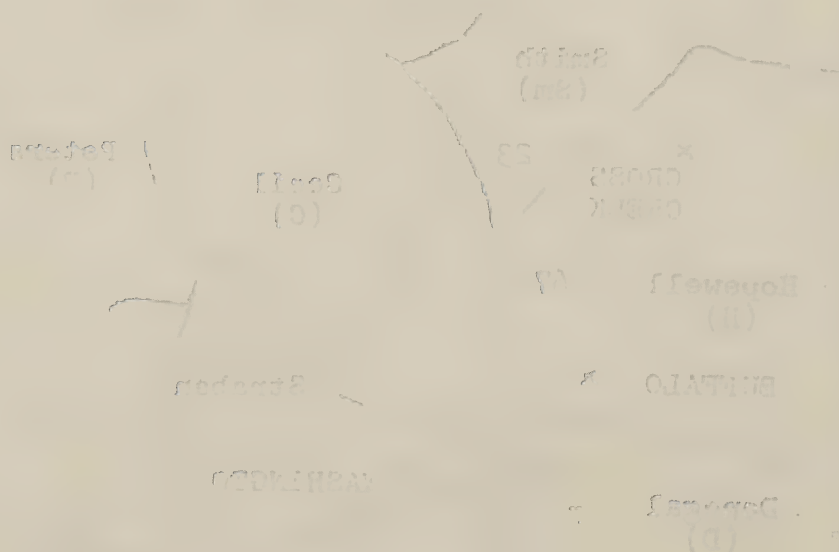
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 a distribution of names by type, as shown on the map below:



* early elder
 + leader in church
 Alexander, John
 D Joseph
 Alley, Michael
 H Anderson, Alexander
 St Josiah
 Aspey, James
 Baccus, Benjamin
 Bailey, Joseph
 Barr, David
 H Bay, Thomas
 Sm Thomas Jr
 H Beatty, Thomas
 D Boggs, Ezekiel
 D John
 Bowling, Alexander
 William
 H Brown, Simon
 Burton, Thomas
 H Caldwell, David
 D James (2)
 Oh John
 H William
 Caley, John
 Sm Campbell, Arthur
 Sm + James
 H William
 Carruthers, George
 D Carson, James
 D William
 H Chapman, John
 P Clark, Thomas
 H Clemens, James
 H Coe, Peter
 Coen, Isaac
 Connelly, John
 Sm Cooper, John
 Corcoran, Anthony
 H Cowan, John
 Robert
 H Crawford, John
 Thomas
 St Cunningham, Francis
 St Robert
 Oh DeMent, George
 H Donahey, John
 William
 H Downing, James
 Dueller, Robert
 Sm Dunbar, James
 Sm *Edgar, James

Eigans, Barney
 Fennell, John
 Ferguson, John
 Fisher, Samuel
 Sm Garner, Christopher
 Thomas
 Gill, Elizabeth
 D Gilleland, Hugh
 D Gillespie, James
 James Esq
 William
 H +Graham, Henry
 H John
 H Griffith, Lettice
 Guthrie, Robert
 Heron, Elizabeth
 John
 Howell, John
 Hughes, William
 C Huston, William
 Jackson, Benjamin
 Sm Joseph
 Sm Philip
 Sm Thomas
 Sm Johnson, Jacob
 H John
 H Samuel (3)
 St William
 Kean, John
 H Kelley, John
 Oh Kennedy, James
 H Robert
 Kerr, James
 Latimer, Alexander
 St Leeper, James
 St Samuel
 Maley, James
 H *Marquis, George
 H John
 H * Thomas
 H Marshall, James Jr
 H John (2)
 William
 H Martin, James
 H + Jesse
 P Matthews, James
 McAuley, Francis
 H McBride, Charles
 H Robert

D McClelland, Kenneth
 McClese, John
 H McConnell, Arthur
 H +McCready, Robert
 Sm McCullough, George
 Robert
 William
 McGarrick, Henry
 McGugan, Daniel
 McIntire, Cornelius
 McLure, Daniel
 McQuown, William
 McWilliams, Thomas
 Meek, James
 C Robert A
 C Merchant, Thomas
 Milligan, John
 D Moore, Andrew
 H *Morrison, John
 Neil, Solomon
 Nelson, Henry
 Newell, Hugh
 H James
 Newkirk, Elias
 C Nuttle, Elijah
 Park, William
 C Parker, James
 John
 P *Patterson, Joseph
 H Samuel
 H William
 H Piles, Joseph
 Sm Poe, Adam
 Sm Andrew
 Polk, John
 H + Thomas
 Price, William
 Ramsey, Samuel
 Redick, Robert
 Reynolds, David
 H William
 Riley, Matthew
 H Robertson, James
 C Robinson, John
 St Rogers, Thomas
 Scott, William
 Shearer, John
 H William
 C Sinclair, William
 H +Smiley, William
 H Smith, Ebenezer
 H John

 Smith, John Jr
 Samuel
 D Snodgrass, James
 H Robert
 H Steel, John
 Stephenson, Alexander
 John
 R
 Sm +Stone, John
 H Stricker, Lawrence
 Tarry, Hugh
 D Taylor, Henry
 H James
 D Robert
 H Samuel
 D Templeton, John
 H Matthew
 H Teter, Samuel
 Sm Thompson, David
 Nathaniel
 Sm Tucker, John
 H Tweed, John
 Urie, Samuel
 H + Thomas
 Vance, David
 Sm * Joseph
 Sm + William
 H Vincent, James
 Wagner, John
 Sm Walker, Joseph
 H Wallace, Moses
 D Waller, Thomas
 H Watson, James
 H Wells, Absalom
 H Charles
 H Henry
 H Joseph
 Sm Whitaker, Thomas
 H Williams, William
 D Williamson, Col. David
 Wilson, David
 Jeremiah
 Joseph
 Sm Miles
 C Thomas
 Sm + William
 D Wolf, Christopher
 D Jacob
 Peter
 D William
 H Workman, Samuel
 Young, Alexander

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